ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

OF THE

SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

SHELBY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT

SHOAL CREEK CHURCH,

SHELBY COUNTY, ALA.,

FROM THE 8TH TO THE 10TH OCTOBER,

1853.

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MINUTES.

1. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder T. P. Holcombe-from John, 5th chapter and 39th verse.

2. After a short recess, the delegates assembled in the meeting-house, and brother T. P. Holcombe, the former Moderator, called the Association to order; after prayer by brother R. Wood, proceeded to business.

3. Read letters from the churches, and enrolled the names of the delegates.

4. Elected Elder T. P. Holcombe Moderator, and J. W. Teague Clerk.

5. Read the Constitution, Abstract of Principles, and rules of Decorum of the Association.

6. Opened a door for the reception of Churches into our body, and invited Ministring brethren of our order to seats with us.

7. Received Correspondence from sister Associations. From the Coosa river, by brother J. M. Scott; from the Canaan, by brethren W. C. Harris and J. T. Caine; and from the Mulberry, by brethren D. Ward and Lyon,—the Moderator giving the Messengers the right hand of fellowship.

8. The following Committee was appointed to arrange preaching: brethren Webster and Wyatt, with the Deacons of Shoal Creek church. Brethren S. Ticer, Wm. Armstrong, J. C. Hand, J. Gilbert, R. Wood, with the Moderator and Clerk, were appointed a committee to arrange business necessary to come before the Association. The committee on Finance, consisted of brethren W. J. Peters, S. Clabough and Jorden Jones. Committee on documents, were brethren E. King, S. Ticer, and L. M. Jones.

9. Returned correspondence to the following Associations: To the Mulberry, brethren J. D. Goss and J. C. Hand; to the Canaan, brethren R. Wood and W. K. Deshazo; and to the Cahawba, brethren N. Haggard and J. R. Webster.

10. Appointed the Clerk to write a letter of correspondence to the Associations with which we correspond, to be annexed to our minutes.

On motion the Association adjourned till 9½ o'clock Monday morning; prayer by brother J. M. Scott.

On Sabbath, brethren J. M. Scott, J. C. Hand and W. C. Harris preached, in the order of their names, to a well ordered and attentive assembly, and we trust their labors of love will not be invain, but that the fruits thereof may be seen, and felt, in days to come. Brother Hand preached a Missionary sermon according to previous appointment, after which a collection was taken, amounting to twenty dollars and sixty cents, for a domestic mission in the bounds of this Association.

Monday, 9½ o'clock, A. M.

11. Met at the appointed time, and after singing, and prayer by brother J. M. Scott, the delegates names were called, and absentees marked.

12. Called for the report of the committee of arrangements, which was

presented, read and adopted.

13. Took into consideration the propriety of sending delegates to the Baptist State Convention, and agreed to send four, consisting of brethren R. Wood, N. Haggard, J. D. Teague and E. King; appointed brother Wood to write the letter.

14. Appointed brother Hand to preach the introductory sermon next year: brother Wood alternate; brother Teague to preach the Missionary sermon; brother Haggard alternate; brother King to write the circular letter; brother Wood alternate,—the subject to be *Family Religion.*

15. The report of the Committee on Finance was read and received.—(See Table of Churches.)

16. The committee on documents report they have examined such documents as come before them, and find nothing in them deserving special attention—that the committee would recommend the South Western Babtist as worthy of being taken and read by all of our denomination and others, whom it may suit to take a religious paper. We also recommend that the Home and Foreign Journal be adopted.

17. Ordered that four hundred copies of the Minutes be printed: that the Clerk superintend the printing, put them into the hands of the distributing agents, and that he be allowed ten dollars for his services,—the amount paid the former Clerk.

18. Appointed A. R. Gouch distributing agent for the first district, and J. C. Hand for the second.

19. The eighth rule of Decorum was so altered as to leave the manner of voting discretionary with the Moderator.

20. Appointed the next session of this Association to be held at Bever Creek Church, Shelby county, four miles south of Columbiana, on Saturday before the second Sabbath in October 1854.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That we sustain a Missionary to preach in destitute parts of this Association, so much of his time as the committee on Domestic Missions may deem expedient, and the amount of funds contributed by the churches will justify, and appointed the following brethren to carry this resolution into effect: S. Clabough, W. J. Peters, S. Ticer, J. Brasher, H. Webster, W. Wyatt J. Jones, E. King, Asa Cooper, and W. Beasley; who will meet at Sarepta church, on Saturday before the second Sabbath in December next, by which time they will have ascertained the views of their respective churches, as regards the proposed mission, and also what each church will pay for the support of the same. This committee may meet as often as necessary to carry out the design of the Association, and make a report of their progress at the next session. They are to appoint the Missionary, and designate his field of labour.

Resolved, That in view of the deplorable remissness among professors

of religion, in the observance of the Sabbath day, (not to say the flagrant desecration of it by the world, and the fearful consequences that must follow;) we urge upon the ministers of our Association, the importance of presenting this subject in its scriptural light and bearing. To each church they may serve, at least once a year.

Resolved, That this Association regard well conducted Sabbath Schools, as one of the primary means, under God, of giving perpetuity to both our religious and civil institutions, and that we earnestly recommend to the churches in the bounds of our Association, that they use every means in their power to establish a Sabbath School in every church.

Resolved, That the trafic in ardent spirits, to be used as a common drink, is a violation of the laws of Christ, and should not be tolerated by the churches.

Resolved, That whilst it is the duty of all the Ministers of Christ, to urge on their churches and congregations the principles of the Gospel, relating to the subject, this Association affectionately recommend, that each of our Pastors preach a discourse on temperance, on the first Sabbath in January next, in each church, or as soon after as convenient.

Resolved, That this Association recommend to the churches, the holding of weekly, or monthly prayer meetings, at the church, or such other place as will be most convenient, and also that all the members of the churches practice daily family worship.

Resolved, That we approve of a book depository, established at Tuscaloosa, by the Tuscaloosa Baptist Association, and recommend the books of said depository, to be used in our Sabbath schools, and by the members of the Baptist denomination.

After a short address, singing, and prayer by the Moderator, the Association adjourned to meet at the time and place before mentioned.

T. P. HOLCOMBE, *Moderator.*

J. W. TEAGUE, *Clerk.*

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Shelby Association, to her sisster Associations with which she corresponds, sendeth Christian love. Dear brethren, our present session has been truly harmonious, and we hope our acts may be to the glory of God, and the furtherance of the Redeemer's Kingdom. We have experienced something of the pleasures of "brethren dwelling together in unity."—We received your friendly correspondence, by your Messengers; from the Canaan Association, by brothers W. C. Harris and J. T. Crane; from the Coosa River, by brother J. M. Scott; and from the Mulberry, by brother D. Ward, and were happy in enjoying their council and labours.

T. P. HOLCOMBE, *Moderator.*

J. W. TEAGUE, *Clerk.*

LIST OF MINISTERS WITH THEIR POSTOFFICES.

MINISTERS	POST OFFICES	MINISTERS	POST OFFICES
T. P. Holcombe, o	Columbiana.	N. Haggard, o.	Montevallo.
J. C. Hand, o.	"	R. Wood, o.	"
J. G. Walton, o.	"	J. D. Goss. L.	"
J. Gilbert, o.	"	J. Adkerson, L.	"
J. D. Teague, o.,	Wilsonville.		

LIST OF DELEGATES AT THE CONVENTION.

	Districts, Churches, and Counties.			Baptised	Received by letter	By vouchers	Dismissed by letter	Restored	Excluded	Deceased	Total	Minutes	Aso. purposes	Sub. Meeting
2d. Dist. 1st Dist.	Beaver Creek,	Shelby	Wm. Armstrong, S. Clabough, B. Moore.	2	0	(	2	1	2	1	53	3	3	4
	Mt. Horeb,	"	W. J. Peters. J. B. McLinton, P. O. Moseley.	5	1	(	0	0	0	1	12	1	4	2
	Bethesda,	"	S. Ticer, J. D. Teague. J, W. Teague.	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	47	3	2	3
	Beaulah,	"	J. S. Dayche, H. Webster, Asa Wyatt.	2	3	0	0	0	0	1	57	3	2	1
	Liberty,	"	T. P. Holcombe, J. Gilbert, J. G. Walton.	0	8	0	1	0	0	0	24	2	1	3
	Union,	"	W. Wyatt, A. Holsomback, A. Lawley.	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	44	1	2	0
	Sarepta,	"	J. Jones, J. C. Hand, L. M. Jones.	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	21	2	0	2
	Shoal Creek,	"	E. King, R. Wood, H. Holsomback.	0	1	0	4	0	0	3	71	2	1	30	0
	Providence,	"	L. A. Honeycutt, A Cooper, T. E. Maroney.	8	1	0	1	0	0	1	35	2	1		3
	Mt. Hope.	"	J. D. Goss, J. Webb, W. J. Beasley.	10	2	4	3	1	0	2	46	1	1		2
				32	17	4	12	3	3	9	428	20	17	30	

	20 00
	37 30
Paid former Clerk	10 00
	$27 30

P. S. The Committee on Finance paid into the hands of ths Clerk, $37 30, sent up by the Churches for Minutes and Associational purposes. Also put into his hands $20 60, the collection taken on Sabbath for a Missionary in our bounds.

Received of J. W. Teague, Clerk, seventeen dollars for printing four hundred copies of these Minutes. N. R. KING.
November 21, 1853.